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SUBJECT: ITU WORLD TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE.

1. THE EDITED JAPANESE PROPOSAL ON SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS OF APPENDIX I WAS ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE 5. THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES FROM THE APPENDIX TO THE DRAFT T& T REGULATIONS EXCEPT TO RECOGNIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ADMINISTRATION UNILATERALLY ESTABLISHING THE PRACTICAL EQUIVALENT OF A CENTRAL RATE. PRIOR TO THE FLOAT OF THE SWISS FRANC, SWITZERLAND DID IN FACT TAKE SUCH ACTION BY RELATING ITS CURRENCY DIRECTLY TO THE US DOLLAR.
2. THE PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO GOLD FRANC ACCOUNTING I. E. WHETHER MANDATORY OR OPTIONAL, WAS SETTLED SATISFACTORILY. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE APPENDIX WAS REWORDED TO CONTINUE GOLD FRANC ACCOUNTING AS OPTIONAL CONFORMING TO THE INTENTION OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS.
3. AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 5, COMMITTEE 4 ( OPERATIONS) CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION CONCERNING RIGHTS OF ADMINISTRATIONS IN ROUTING OUTGOING TRAFFIC. IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE USA PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN T& T CONFERENCE DOCUMENT 10/1 WAS UNACCEPTABLE. ALSO UNACCEPTABLE WERE BRAZILIAN AND UK PROPOSALS. BECAUSE OF WIDE VARIATION OF VIEWS, SPECIAL WORKING PARTY CONSISTING OF USA, UK, FRANCE, JAPAN, MEXICO, BRAZIL, ITALY, CANADA, SAUDI ARABIA, AND SWITZERLAND, WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. RUTSCHI OF SWITZERLAND AS CHAIRMAN, WAS SET UP TO DEVELOP ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE. A SUBSTITUTE TEXT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE WORKING PARTY WITH FRANCE AND UK OPPOSING. WORKING PARTY WILL REPORT TO COMMITTEE 4 WHERE DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

4. CCITT STUDY GROUP I AND THE VTH PLENARY ASSEMBLY DELETED METEOROLOGICAL TELEGRAMS FROM LIST OF OBLIGATORY TELEGRAMS IN DRAFT TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS. USSR AND NUMEROUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, URGED THAT THIS DELETION BE REVERSED. MANY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DEFENDED THE DELETION. THE USA DID NOT EXPRESS ANY VIEW. THE USSR VIEW PREVAILED.

5. THE USA PROPOSAL THAT THE DRAFT TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE TELEGRAPH- TYPE SERVICES OTHER THAN TELEGRAM WAS SUPPORTED BY USSR AND BELGIUM. IT WAS VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY UK. OTHER DELEGATIONS SAID NOTHING EXCEPT SPAIN WHICH PROPOSED BROADENING BE LIMITED TO TELEX BUT THIS GAINED NO SUPPORT. IN VIEW OF THE ADAMANT POSITION OF THE UK, THE USSR STATED IT WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION CALLING UPON CCITT TO WORK UPON BROADENING TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS DURING 1973-1976 STUDY PERIOD. ACCORDINGLY, THE USA WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL.

6. ON APRIL 5 COMMITTEE 4 WORKING PARTY CONVENED TO REVIEW TERMS AND DEFINITIONS USED IN DRAFT T& T REGULATIONS THAT ARE NOT PRESENTLY DEFINED IN ITU CONVENTION. THE WORKING PARTY DETERMINED THAT FOLLOWING TERMS SHOULD BE DEFINED: 1) ORDINARY PRIVATE TELEGRAMS; 2) INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH SERVICE; 3) INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC TELEGRAM SERVICE; 4) ACCOUNTING RATES; 5) COLLECTION CHARGES; 6) ROUTE.

7. DEFINITIONS FOR EACH OF ABOVE TERMS WAS DEVELOPED AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE 4.

8. THE WORKING PARTY WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE IN WHICH DOCUMENT (I. E., 1) ANNEX TO RTG/ RTF, 2) ITU CONVENTION, 3) LIST OF ESSENTIAL TERMS) THESE NEW TERMS SHOULD BE PLACED AND REPORTED TO COMMITTEE 4 THAT THESE TERMS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE PLENARY MEETING. RIMESTAD

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